



H.RES. 1080 – HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AND EXCEPTIONAL SACRIFICE OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT), KNOWN AS THE SCREAMING EAGLES

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1080 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY) on April 3, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1080 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 14, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1080 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), also known as the Screaming Eagles, as one of the great Divisions in American military history;
- Recognizes that America owes a tremendous debt to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) for the extraordinary service, sacrifice, and patriotism of the soldiers of the Division and their families; and
- Acknowledges that the contributions of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) to ensure the continued safety and security of this nation will not go unnoticed.

BACKGROUND

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), or the Screaming Eagles, was formed on August 16, 1942, at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and is currently headquartered in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The Screaming Eagles were the first Americans to land in France on June 6, 1944, as part of the Allied invasion of Europe on D-Day. After the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Screaming Eagles were among the first units deployed to Afghanistan in November of 2001 to partake in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 101st Airborne Division has actively served in five U.S. wars, with twenty-two members of the Division awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The first commander of the 101st Airborne Division, Major General William C. Lee stated that "The 101st has no history, but it has a rendezvous with destiny", making 'Rendezvous With Destiny' the motto of the 101st Airborne Division.

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